

PROBABLE GYPSUM MINE NEAR OROSITELNYY, USSR

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Photographic evidence of [] and collateral reports indicate that the site described in this brief, and listed in JMCI-7/60 as an unidentified installation 1/, is a probable gypsum mine. Pertinent information on the site follows.

General Description

The site is located at 53-31-50N 90-56-50E, 5 nautical miles (nm) west-southwest of Orositelnyy and 21.8 nm southwest of Abakan (see Figure 1). It consists of four irregularly shaped areas of earth scarring, interspersed with tracks, and covers approximately 0.6 square nm (see Figure 2). A small housing/storage area is located about one nm south of the site.

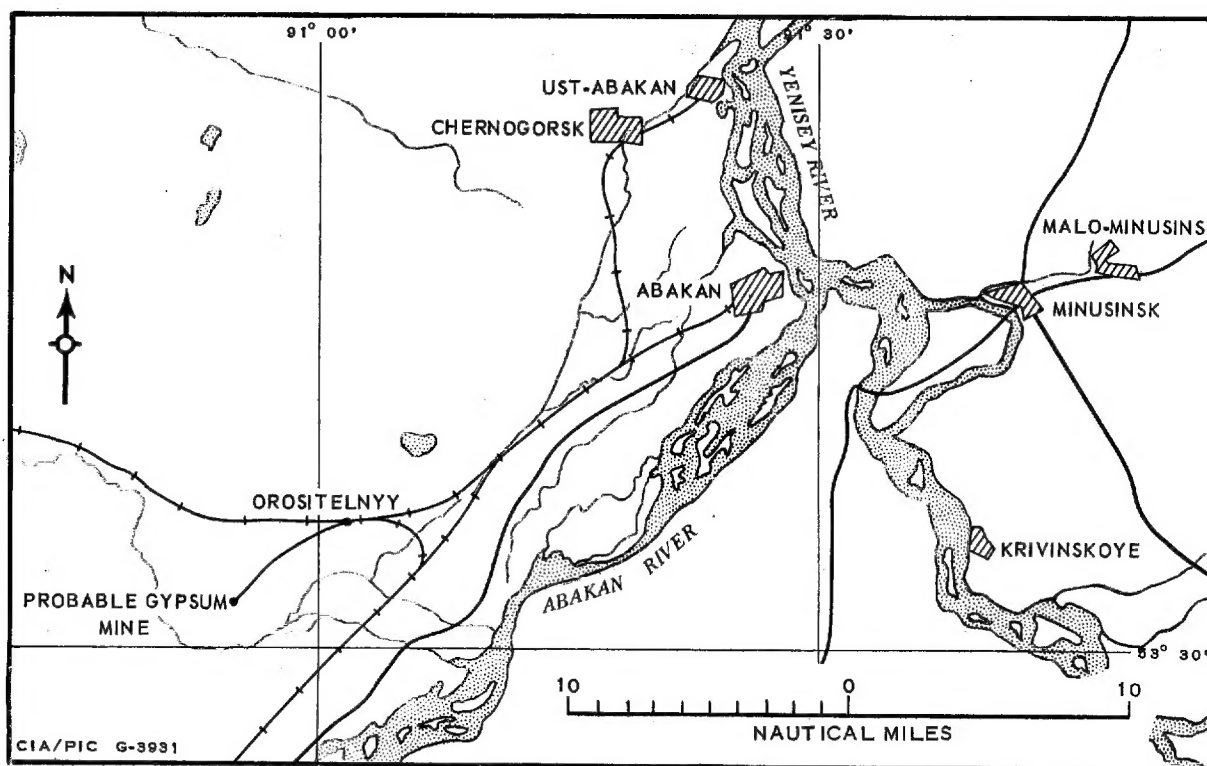


FIGURE 1. MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF PROBABLE GYPSUM MINE NEAR OROSITELNYY, USSR.

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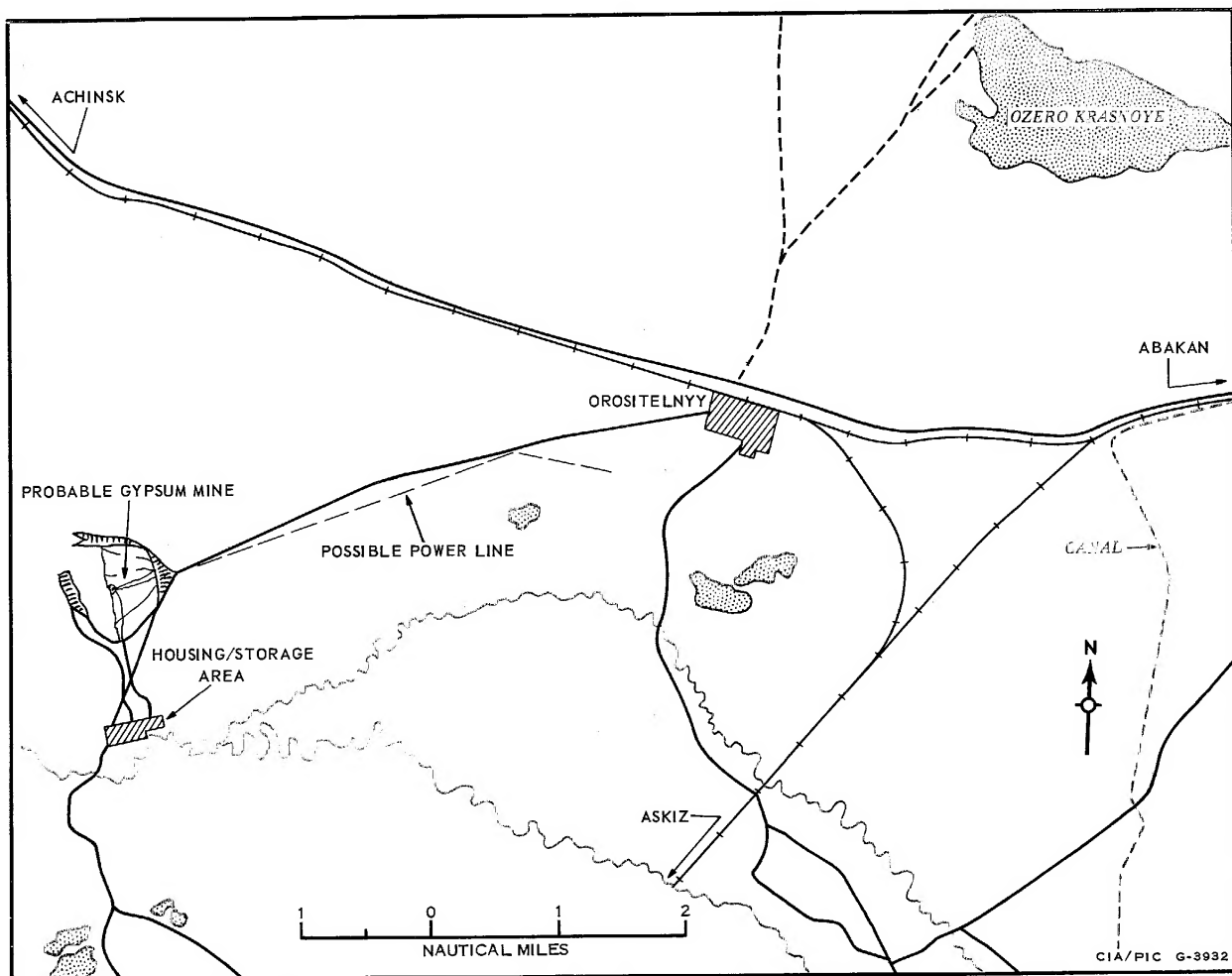


FIGURE 2. PROBABLE GYPSUM MINE NEAR OROSITELNYY. The site consists of four areas of earth scarring.

Most of the site was cloud covered on [] photography of [] However, a small part of the southern half of the site, together with the housing/storage area and the intervening tracks, appears on the oblique. Comparison of this with the [] photography indicates that there has been no apparent change in this part of the site

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Although the site itself is greatly obscured by clouds on the [] coverage, the area near Orositelnyy is cloud-free, and no other activity related to gypsum mining is readily discernible. In view of the collateral information and the lack of any physical evidence of other mine sites in the area, it is concluded that this site is probably the reported gypsum mine.

Terrain and Vegetation

The site is in relatively flat terrain, sloping to the east. Gullying is evident in the area immediately west of the site. Vegetation appears to be limited to grass and cultivated crops.

Construction Status

Undetermined.

Utilities

A possible power line extending eastward from the site is visible on the [] photography but is lost near Orositelnyy. The [] photography does not show this line.

Transportation

The site is connected with Orositelnyy by a road of undetermined width and surface. A second road connects the housing/storage area with the highway and rail line to the south. The Achinsk-Abakan branch of the Trans-Siberian Railroad passes north of the site through Orositelnyy, where a double-track rail siding is present. A road of undetermined class parallels this branch rail line. A few miles south of the site is the Askiz-Abakan branch of the Southern Siberian Railroad.

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Security

No physical security provisions for the site are visible.

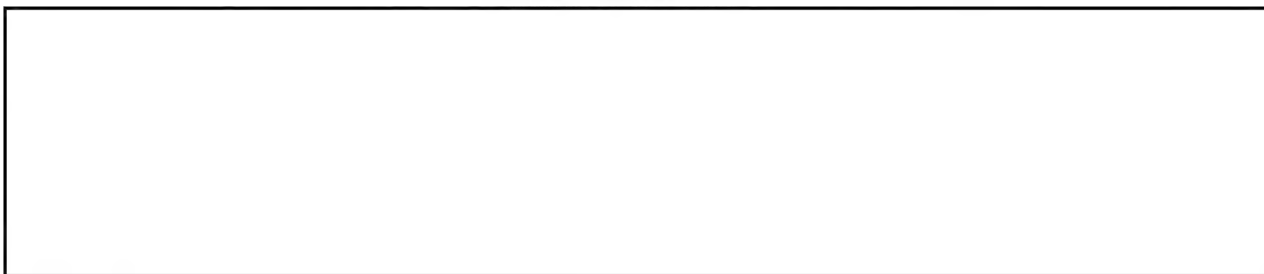
Nearest Major Airfield

Krasnoyarsk Northeast Airfield (with a 4,500-foot concrete runway) is 165 nm north-northeast of Orositelnyy.

Environs

The principal activities of the Abakan area are mining (coal, iron, gold, and zinc), agriculture, and lumbering. 4/

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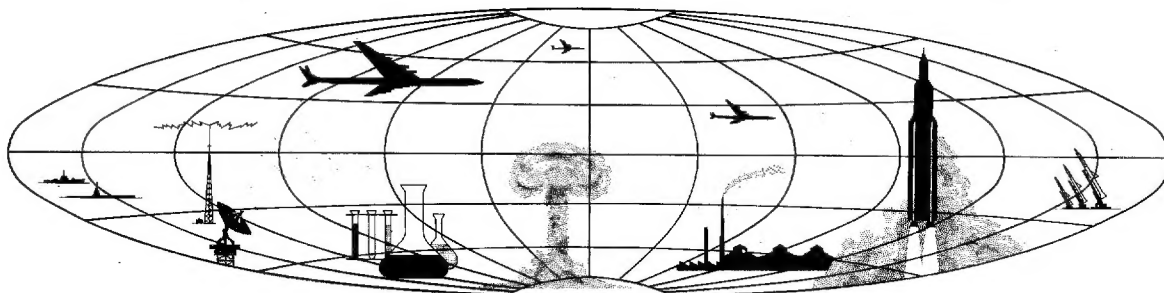


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